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an insulating housing for receiving and holding the plurality of electrical connection terminals at an interval corresponding to an arrangement pitch of the plurality of conductors of the flat circuit member,

A1 wherein each pair of piercing portions pierces the plurality of conductors at one time and is bent back, respectively.

A2 4. (Amended) The relay connector according to claim 3, wherein each of the plurality of terminal receiving grooves includes a retaining projection engaged with the electrical connection terminal to position the electrical connection terminal in an axial direction of the electrical connection terminal.

A3 6. (Amended) The relay connector according to claim 1, wherein each pair of piercing portions projects forwardly from the insulating housing when the plurality of electrical connection terminals are received in the insulating housing.

Please add the following new claims:

A4 7. (New) The relay connector according to claim 6, wherein each pair of piercing portions is formed at a flat surface portion of the front end portion of the respective electrical connection terminal and projects substantially upright.

8. (New) The relay connector according to claim 6, wherein

the insulating housing includes a housing body having a plurality of terminal receiving grooves in which the plurality of electrical connection terminals are received, respectively, and a housing cover for covering the plurality of terminal receiving grooves.

9. (New) The relay connector according to claim 8, wherein

each of the plurality of terminal receiving grooves includes a retaining projection engaged with the electrical connection terminal to position the electrical connection terminal in an axial direction of the electrical connection terminal.

10. (New) The relay connector according to claim 9, wherein each of the plurality of the electrical connection terminals includes an engagement portion engaged with the corresponding retaining projection.

11. (New) A relay connector for connecting wires to a flat circuit member having a plurality of conductors, the relay connector comprising:

a plurality of electrical connection terminals, each including at its rear end portion a wire connection portion to which the wire is connectable, and at its front end portion a pair of piercing portions; and

an insulating housing for receiving and holding the plurality of electrical connection terminals at an interval corresponding to an arrangement pitch of the plurality of conductors of the flat circuit member,

wherein each pair of piercing portions pierces the respective conductor of the flat circuit member.

12. (New) The relay connector according to claim 11, wherein each pair of piercing portions is formed at a flat surface portion of the front end portion of the respective electrical connection terminal and projects substantially upright.

13. (New) The relay connector according to claim 11, wherein the insulating housing includes a housing body having a plurality of terminal receiving grooves in which the plurality of electrical connection terminals are received, respectively, and a housing cover for covering the plurality of terminal receiving grooves.

14. (New) The relay connector according to claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of terminal receiving grooves includes a retaining projection engaged with the electrical connection terminal to position the electrical connection terminal in an axial direction of the electrical connection terminal.

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15. (New) The relay connector according to claim 14, wherein each of the plurality of the electrical connection terminals includes an engagement portion engaged with the corresponding retaining projection.

16. (New) The relay connector according to claim 11, wherein each pair of piercing portions projects forwardly from the insulating housing when the plurality of electrical connection terminals are received in the insulating housing.

17. (New) The relay connector according to claim 1, wherein a width between the pair of piercing portions is smaller than a width of each of the plurality of conductors.
